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1. The Craiova airport is near the Bariera Bicurestilor, about two to three kilometers outside Craiova. There are five or six hangars used by commercial and military aircraft. Approximately 50 Soviet bombers and 20 Soviet fighters were observed on this field. An increase in Soviet air force personnel was noted by informant in the town of Craiova during March 1950.
2. A new military airport is under construction near the village of Balta Verde, south of Craiova on the road to Bechet. There is a small forest near this area and informant has seen some Soviet fighter planes hidden in the shelter of the trees.
3. The Soviets are building defensive installations outside Craiova in the direction of Yugoslavia, in the hills near the villages of Breasta and Minaita. Informant observed digging and earthmoving operations in progress in this locality, and he saw anti-aircraft guns and searchlights there.
4. There are heavily guarded ammunition dumps in the forests of Balilula and Radovan, outside Craiova. They are guarded by Soviet and Rumanian soldiers.
5. A large new bridge is now being constructed over the Jiul river at Ducovatul. Two hundred people are taken daily to this locality from Craiova to work on this bridge.
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6. [REDACTED] several railroad employees had advised him that during the months of February, March and April 1950, Soviet freight cars loaded with ammunition passed through Craiova daily toward Turma Severin and Timisoara.

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